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SUBJECT 1. VNOS Posts, USSR - Afghanistan Border  
2. Possible Radar Site, Chemen i Bid

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REFERENCES:

PLACE ACQUIRED [redacted]

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1. In the latter part of [redacted] a VNOS (Vozdushnoye nablyudeniye opovescheniye i Svyaz) company, unit designation unknown, subordinate to the 160th VNOS Regiment, the headquarters of which was located either in Tadzhikistan ~~N 38-45, E 65-53~~ or Seraks ~~N 36-32, E 61-13~~, arrived at Kushka ~~N 35-16, E 62-24~~ to set up VNOS posts along the USSR - Afghanistan Border. This portion of the border from Pt. 1 to Pt. 2, Encl. 1 was the responsibility of this VNOS Company. Normally, a VNOS Company consisted of 12 posts with 8 to 10 men to a post supervised by a sergeant. However, [redacted] was only able to locate six posts. The commanding officer of this company was a captain (name etc., unknown).

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2. The troops at the posts lived in mud huts on top of hills and were rotated on 24-hour watch. At that time, they had no communication equipment and no radar or other technical equipment. Their observations were purely visual, aided by binoculars. For communication purposes, they had to proceed by foot to a Border Guard unit and use their communication equipment. However, [redacted] was rather certain that at present they must have their own communication equipment.

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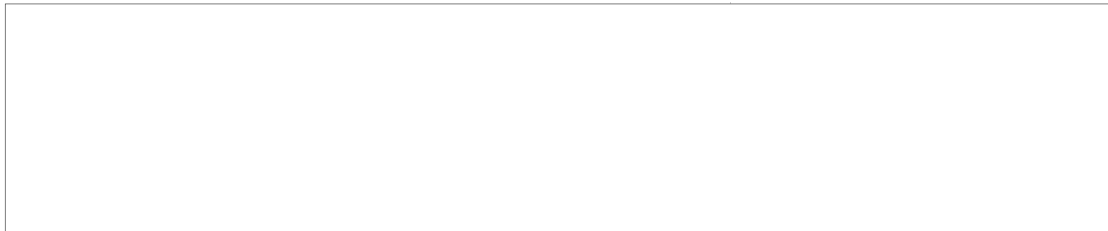
3. [redacted] stated that the operation of these posts was rather elementary. They maintained a visual and listening watch - without technical facilities - and if any aircraft were observed, they reported, by telephone, to the regimental headquarters. The regiment then notified the air division located at Mary ~~N~~ 37-32, E 61-537. Further details of the operating procedures, personnel, etc., were unknown [redacted]

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4. The concentration of these six posts ~~Ft. 37~~ with the over-lapping fields of vision was considered necessary in the Kushka area because of the importance of the area to the Soviets - i.e., location of the 347th Order of Suvorov Rifle Division Headquarters, the concentration of the population, the border, the location of supply dumps in the area, and railroads.

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## ENCLOSURE:

## 1. Approximate Location of VNOS Posts

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ENCLOSURE 1:

Approximate Location of VNOS Posts, Overlay of WAC # 430 Hari River  
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